

DAV Auxiliary Newsletter



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Quota Achieved!

Congratulations to the following State Departments for reaching 2024-2025 Quota!

Louisiana
Oklahoma
Utah

DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters will be closed on October 14, 2024, in observance of Columbus Day. Thank you.

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From the Desk of National Commander Christopher Easley

I would like to thank all of our Fall Conference presenters, including the DAV Directors, for their amazing programs and presentations. Thank you for your hard work in ensuring we teach our members about DAV and DAV Auxiliary. I would also like to thank everyone for their participation, whether it was in person or virtually. It was each of you that made our 2024 Fall Conference a success.

I am excited for our new membership challenge! I would like to thank Bunny and her husband Brian for working with Jolly Plumbing and providing us with the beautiful home in Fort Myers, Florida. It will be a great experience for our winner. Who doesn't want to win a five day trip to the beach and two-\$500 flight credits? As a reminder, to be eligible for the prize you must recruit five new paid members to receive an entry. You will receive an additional entry for every new paid member over the first five recruited.

October is the start of a busy holiday season for most of us. As you prepare to help the DAV Chapters with their Golden Corral Salute to Veterans be sure to ask if your Auxiliary Unit can partner during the events. This is a good time for Auxiliary and Chapters to try and recruit members and get our organizations name in the public eye.

This year is also the ten year anniversary of the American Veteran's Disabled for Life Memorial. I was there ten years ago during the groundbreaking, and I am honored to be there again on October 5th as we celebrate it's anniversary in Washington, D.C.

November is an even busier time for most. This year we also throw in a major National Election that will determine the leadership in the coming year for our country. I urge everyone to vote, and remember as an organization the DAV and DAV Auxiliary do not support one political party or candidate over another. Also, don't forget about the [DAV 5K](#) on November 9! There is in-person and virtual participation.

In November we will also honor Veterans Day. Let us remember not only the Veterans that served, but the families that had to take care of our veterans once they came home. I hope to see the many programs and services put on across the nation by our State Departments and Units to honor those who served our great nation.

Remember we all have a "voice;" let's use our "One Voice, United in Service" to grow our organization and get the benefits that our nations injured, ill, and disabled veterans have paid for with their service and sacrifice. We also need to remember the families of those that served and work to assist them in receiving the benefits their loved ones paid for with their mind, body and soul.

National Fall Conference Donations

DAVA 4 Kids—\$10,150
Winter Sports Clinic—\$1,300
Disaster Relief Fund—\$7,050
General Fund—\$400
Service Program Fund—\$10,510
Caregiver Initiative Program Fund—\$5,050

Education Program Fund—\$10,670
Camp Corral—\$800
Juniors—DAVA 4 Kids—\$403.47
Juniors—Service—\$567.51
TOTAL—\$46,900.98

THANK YOU!!

Americanism by Carolyn Harris, National Americanism Chairman

Americanism: What is Americanism? Americanism, according to the *Oxford Languages Dictionary*, means we hold an allegiance to the traditions and ideals of the United States. Where is Americanism in America? We will through out this year seek out the answer to that question.

During the Fall Conference we began a mission to find out where Americanism is in America. To help in achieving our mission we challenged all units within each State Department of the DAV Auxiliary to **Promote** Americanism, **Show** Americanism and **Share** Americanism.

Promoting Americanism:

- Sponsor or help sponsor programs on civic duties and involvement
- At your local school sponsor essay contests: What is the history of the Veterans Day celebration held every year on November 11 or the meaning behind Flag Day, which is held every year on June 14

Showing Americanism:

- Flying the American Flag not just on special holidays but everyday
- Wearing patriotic colors
- Working within your community to remember and support veterans
- Host parties on Patriotic Holidays

Sharing Americanism: During fall conference we had some units share with us their Americanism activity and on a display map of the United States of America their State Department was highlighted. I am asking all units to share with me their Americanism activities during the year.

The Goal by the end of this 2024 – 2025 year is for every State Department to be highlighted. For every state Department that has over 75% of their units share with me about their Americanism activities, their State Department will go gold. I have created a special email address for units to send in their Americanism Activities: carolynhamericanism@gmail.com. The units who send in their activities will also be included in my Americanism article for the Auxiliary Newsletter.

In the Fall Conference Booklet there is a map of the United States. This will give everyone the opportunity to track each State Department's journey towards going gold. I am looking forward to seeing all of the DAV Auxiliary units showcase their activities. **Americanism: Promote it, Show It and Share it.**

History Book Coordinator by Mary Ellen Bell, National Chairman

Thanks to all of you who attended the fall conference. What awesome programs!!!

Did you have your cell phone or camera and snap a few pictures? If so, please share the photos that you captured. Everyone attending could see each program from a different angle. Each of these unique photos would be of interest to National Commander Chris. Please share what you were able to capture.

Digital photos may be submitted via email to: marye.bell9947@gmail.com. Please use "Subject: DAV Auxiliary National History." Hardcopy photos mail to:

Mary Ellen Bell
National History Coordinator
4636 Friars Lane
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

NOTE: USE POST-IT NOTES ON BACK OF HARDCOPY PICTURES. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON BACK OF PHOTOS.

Are you sponsoring an event for Chris? Please ensure photos are taken and provide:

Event Name—Date of Event— Location
Sponsored by Unit Name—Unit Number—State
Identify all personnel in photo with Names and Titles

Chris would like you to share photos of events that happen within your area during the year (Unit Activities, various projects, volunteering events, assisting our veterans, State School of Instructions, State Conventions, etc.). Please send me these photos at the information above.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by Hurricane Helene. DAV Auxiliary has made a donation to the DAV Disaster Relief fund in the amount of \$33,000 to assist veterans and their families during this difficult time. If you'd like to make a donation to further our efforts, please contact our office at 833.368.1220. Thank you.